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Re: Billed Entity Number: 143744  
Form 471 Application Number: 265580  
Funding Request Number: 872710  
Administrator Decision on Appeal – Funding Year 2001-2002  
CC Docket Nos. 96-45 and 97-21

To Whom It May Concern:

The above referenced Funding Request Number 872710 was denied in full by the Schools and Libraries Division. The letter states that the denial is based upon the fact that "New information can only be accepted on appeal if an error was committed by the SLD." The SLD determined that the error was made by RCOE, the billed entity in this case; therefore the SLD is not empowered to grant the appeal. We admit that the incorrect Form 470 numbers were supplied to the SLD. Several communications transpired between the SLD and RCOE during this time period. There was a clerical error in the first instance. The wrong Form 470 number was communicated in the second instance. Then the Funding Request was denied.

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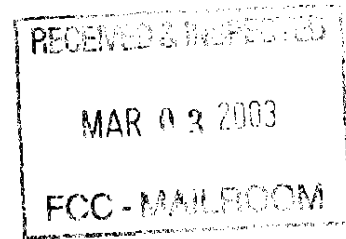
A Form 470 was filed in a timely manner on November 29, 1999 (Form 470 Number 378010000256316). Internet Access is clearly posted on this Form 470. Pursuant to this Form 470 and a valid Form 471, RCOE entered into a contract with the vendor following program rules to the letter. We did not enter into a contract prior to the allowable contract date. We did enter into a contract before the Form 471 deadline. We did follow all of our local procurement laws, rules, policies and regulations.

The basis of this appeal is that **RCOE followed the program rules to the letter.** RCOE should not be penalized due to a clerical error and a miscommunication of a Form 470 reference.

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Thank you for considering this appeal

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "William Spires".

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